

**EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM  
FY 2016 LOCAL SOLICITATION**

**ABSTRACT (Attachment 4)**

**Applicant's Name:** City of Flagstaff, Flagstaff Police Department (FPD)

**Title of Project:** FPD & CCSO – FY 2016 JAG Program

**Goals:**

FPD - Funding to pay for approximately 239 hours of officer overtime, which will help our continued efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence. In addition, funds to be used for allowable administrative costs for the City as the applicant/fiscal agent.

CCSO – The goal of this project is to purchase an electronic recording system that accurately captures statements, gestures, and body language of interviews with suspects, victims, and witnesses.

**Description of Strategies:**

FPD has a proven track record of establishing and maintaining crime prevention programs that elicit cooperation between community members and law enforcement personnel to control, detect and investigate crime. Using Community Policing principles and a CompStat policing model we have achieved a multifaceted, dynamic approach to crime reduction, improving quality of life and resource allocation. Crime data is collected, disseminated and analyzed on a regular basis so that effective strategies and tactics can be developed to prevent or solve crimes. Using CompStat data, department personnel and resources are rapidly deployed to most effectively reduce crime and protect property and relentless follow-up and assessment helps ensure results are achieved.

The Coconino County Sheriff's Office works very closely with the County Attorney's Office to prosecute criminal cases. Both agencies agree that recorded interviews with suspects, victims and witnesses capture not only audible statements, but gestures and body language. The recordings have proven to be an effective investigative tool for several reasons.

First, recording preserves the details of a statement that may have been overlooked initially, but subsequently became important. Detectives can then review the interview as a case unfolds and in light of subsequent evidence. In addition, recording allows detectives to more effectively present the results of their interrogations in court.

Second, electronic recording allows officers to more effectively interrogate suspects and elicit admissions and confessions. By recording rather than taking notes, detectives can focus better on their interrogation strategy and can obtain information from suspects, who are less defensive when officers are not taking notes. In multi-perpetrator cases, detectives can use videotaped statements against co-conspirators more effectively than written statements (which some suspects might think are fabricated). Recordings help detectives better prepare for the interrogation of subsequent suspects as well.

**Project Identifiers:**

The five project identifiers that meet the criteria for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance grant are Community Policing, Community Based Programs, Policing, Crime Prevention and Overtime.

CCSO – The project identifiers that meet the criteria for the FFY16 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance grant are Community Policing, Community Prosecution, Equipment – Video/Audio, Policing, and System Improvements,

**Major Deliverables:**

FPD – Approximately 239 hours of officer overtime, which will help our efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence and allowable administrative costs.

CCSO – Will purchase and implement an electronic recording system for investigative interviews.

**Coordination Plans:**

FPD – Administer Officer Overtime to achieve the project goal by the end of the grant period.

CCSO – We will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Flagstaff. Once this document has been fully executed, we will obtain approval from the County to purchase the equipment and train officers on its use.

This grant will not coordinate with any other justice-related funding and will be used solely for overtime by the City of Flagstaff and for the purchase of the electronic recording system for the County.

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